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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-93. (Cancelled).

94. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of cells, except for treatment of immune deficiency, which comprises administering to the mammal a composition comprising ginseng, ginseng extracts, or ginseng components, its metabolites; or salts thereof, wherin doses or dosages of ginseng extracts are adjusted to between 145 pg/kg/day and 1450 pg/kg/day, and those of ginseng components are adjusted to between 1.67 pg/kg/day and 1.67 mg/kg/day.

95-107. (Cancelled).

108. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 94, wherein the cells are nerve cells or neurons.

109. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 108, wherein the diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of nerve cells or neurons is cerebral infarction or cerebral apoplexy.

110. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 108, wherin the diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of nerve cells or neurons is edema.

111. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 108, wherin the edema is cerebral edema, edema of the brain and nervous tissues or edema of the spinal cord tissue.

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112. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 94, wherein the cells are cardiomyocytes, cardiac cells, skin cells or skin keratinocytes.

113. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 112, wherein the diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of cardiomyocytes, cardiac cells skin cells or skin keratinocytes is cardiac disease.

114. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 112, wherein the diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of cardiomyocytes, cardiac cells skin cells or skin keratinocytes is skin senescence.

115-116. (Cancelled).

117. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109+108 to 111, wherein the composition comprises crude saponin fraction and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 14.5 µg/kg/day to 1450 µg/kg/day.

118. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109+112 to 114, wherein the composition comprises crude saponin fraction and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 145 µg/kg/day to 145 µg/kg/day.

119. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109+108 to 111, wherein the composition comprises ginsenoside Rb₁ and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 0.167 µg/kg/day to 1.67 mg/kg/day.

120. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109+112 to 114, wherein the composition comprises ginsenoside Rb₁ and it is administered

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intravenously in a dose range of 1.67pg/kg/day to 1.67mg/kg/day.